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Campus Joins Effort to Help Victims and Honor Heroes in New York City

Following the September 11th terrorist attacks in New York City, Pittsburgh and Washington D.C., Saint Joseph's College students, faculty and staff responded by joining forces in the hope of making a difference.

One such fundraiser, organized by the Student Activities Director, Dottie Collura, gave students an opportunity to show their support and patriotism on their wrists.

"I received an email from a company named MedTech Wristbands. They were advertising the fact that if you bought wristbands from them, they would then donate a portion of the proceeds to the American Red Cross Disaster Relief Fund. I decided that I would to donate all of our proceeds to the same effort, so I purchased a case of them," Collura said.

Students could then purchase the wristbands for one dollar outside the cafeteria during lunch and dinner hours during the week of October 24-28. The goal of the fundraiser was to collect at least \$500.00 dollars. However, Collura was happy to report that by the end of the week, the total amount raised was \$525.00 dollars, after including donations from the Alumni Association.

Collura was not alone in her venture to raise money. Upon hearing about the wristband campaign, many students came to help.

Students did advertising for the wristbands, volunteered to sit outside the café and spoke about their efforts on television when WLFI Channel 18 from Lafayette came on Wednesday, the 26.

Sophomore Melissa Genova was also instrumental in getting the project off the ground, volunteering her time to assist Collura with the fundraiser.

"I basically just wanted to do anything I physically could to help out in New York," Genova said. "I have friends who either live or have lived in New York, so I have a personal connection to the city and its people. I have also wanted to move there for a long time, and I fell in love with the city when I finally had a chance to visit. But, it does not matter how much I love the city or its worth to me; the fact of the matter is, many lives were lost, many

Tina Carroll
Reporter



people were hurt, and being brought up with Christian values and a heart, I felt compelled to give myself in any possible way to those in need."

Collura and Genova both felt the fundraiser was a success and praised the entire SJC community for their support. Other students involved in the project were: Shenley Roberts, Laura Zak, Mat Blanton, Andrea Horst, Amanda Callon, Karen Miller, Megan Landers, Christina Leyva, Maurice Buckner, Sandra Wood, Samantha Ma'Ayteh, Scott Gardner and Merissa Kup.

"I feel blessed to be a part of a campus community that cares so much about people and their welfare," Collura added.

Senior Blaire Henley is also organizing a project to show the New York City firefighters that SJC appreciates their heroism. On October 11, Henley asks

for all those on campus to wear red, white and blue. Members of her committee will walk around campus and take photographs of SJC students, faculty

and staff wearing the nation's colors one month after the attacks in remembrance of the victims. Henley plans to send the pictures, along with letters written by students, to different fire departments throughout New York.

"I wanted to do something, so I went to the Committee of Campus Clubs, which is composed of all club presi-

dents and/or the advisors. They helped with the idea and volunteered to take some of the pictures, box up letters, etc. Maribel Licea, Resident Advisor from Justin Second east, also held a letter writing night on her floor," Henley explained.

Henley organized the project as a way of giving something back to the firefighters in New York.

"I can't imagine what it must be like to stand at 'ground zero' and try so hard to rescue people and not be able to save very many. Plus, many of those firefighters kept working after finding out that many of their fellow comrades had not made it out. I just can't imagine doing a job like that while they were grieving at the same time."

Henley felt compelled to get involved saying she was "tired of sympathizing and ready to empathize."

"I don't want to just feel sorry for the citizens of New York. If my boxing up letters and developing patriotic pictures of SJC students makes a New York

City firefighter's grief a little smaller, then I'll feel better," Henley said.

Henley is hoping for total campus involvement in her project, whether it be through wearing patriotic colors, or taking time out to write a letter.

Henley would like as many letters as possible and since the Red, White and Blue Day is October 11th and she has to develop pictures before sending off the boxes, she will accept letters to the

Little Sibs Weekend

Once again Saint Joseph's College is sponsoring their annual Little Sibs Weekend. For all of those wishing to invite siblings, cousins or friends, a pre-registration fee of 15 dollars is due no later than October 12th. All students and siblings participating will receive a t-shirt. Activities are planned for Friday, October 19th through Sunday, October 21st. On-site registration will be available, but the fee will be increased to twenty dollars and t-shirts can not be guaranteed.

Plan of Events

Friday, October 19th

4:45-6:45 P.M., Dinner with Big Sib(s) in Cafeteria
7:00 P.M., Big Screen Movie "SHREK" in Science Auditorium

Saturday, October 20th

12:00 P.M.- 4:00 P.M., Spin Art
Frisbees, Henna Tattoos, Sand Art
*Location: North Halleck Lounge
5:00 P.M. - 7:00 P.M., Ken Shultz "The Flying Fool" Pizza Party in the Ballroom
7:00 P.M. - 9:00 P.M., Trick-or-Treating in the Residence Halls
8:00 P.M. - 9:30 P.M., Haunted House in Justin Basement
9:00 P.M. - 11:00 P.M., Dance Party/Coconut Joe's in Core XI

Sunday, October 21st

11:00 P.M. - 1:00 P.M., Brunch with Big Sib(s) in Cafeteria
2:00 P.M. - Big Screen Movie "SHREK" in Science Auditorium

firefighters as late as October 19th. They can be addressed to 'NY firefighter,' 'Dear Hero,' etc.

Students still wanting to donate their time or efforts should contact Blaire Henley directly.

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Do we really go to a Private School?

Is our privacy being invaded?

Pat Shannon
Reporter

When I started going to school here in 1998 the campus prided itself on the fact that it was a private school. This title means that we have our own unique curriculum along in addition to more personal classrooms and living conditions.

The most important thing that was stressed about this "private campus" was that we have a self-sufficient security department. Their roll is to completely police the campus.

All of these ideas sounded so magical. I felt like this college truly was its own community.

We have a president, a government, residence halls, and our own police department. The truth is, throughout my four years here, tuition has gone up and privacy has gone down. This year if I sit on my balcony and watch the road, I see more than six police officers driving through the campus every hour. This happens at 1:00 p.m. What is the need for this police presence?

I watched a student get a ticket from a Rensselaer Police Officer while on campus. When did our SJC Security surrender? There has been no increase in threat. If anything the campus is calmer than it has ever been.

When I see the police driving through campus I don't feel safer. I feel like my PRIVACY has been violated.

A Day Student's Perspective

Stacy Claussen
Reporter

I wanted to explore the minds of the other freshman day students in my classes. We, as day students, are a minority on campus. What is unique about us? Most importantly, what do we have to offer our classmates?

"I chose St. Joseph's because I wanted to be close to my parents and I enjoyed the thought of small class sizes" -Jessica Leonard. "It's close to my home. What really got me was the smaller class sizes and more personal feel"

-Heather Williamson

"College has changed my life. I am so busy, lots of homework, but I make time for my husband and son. I do not make enough time for myself"

-Jennifer Johns

"I am very busy! It seems like we are eating out more or maybe I do not want to cook! But even though life has become a little more hectic, I will not lose sight of my goal here at St. Joseph's. I will get my Elementary Education Degree!"

-Kathy LaReau

"After spending time at St. Joseph's many things have made me laugh. In Core1, on the first day, the lecturer had to tell our class not to talk, eat or drink, and to be there at 9AM. I felt like I was in high school again!"

-Jocelyn Essan y

What is unique about day students? They are master jugglers of life. The delicate balance of family and college is not easy. What do we have to offer other students? Watch us and we will inspire you with our courage, determination and perseverance.

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Speak Your Mind, Not Mine

I don't mind that people's opinions do not always agree with my own. Actually, the only way for me to make sure my own opinion is an informed one is to debate with someone of the opposite persuasion. Unfortunately, I've noticed that many women try to speak for our gender as a whole. According to a large percentage of the national media, all women come down on the same side of controversial issues. Any man who pretended to understand the inner workings of a woman's mind would be ridiculed. Why then do we let other women speak as if they represent us all? A woman's maga-

Blaire Henley
Reporter

zine recently featured an article written by Lucy Lu, of Ally McBeal fame, who charged that no woman should support George Bush because he was stripping us all of reproductive rights. While Ms. Lu may feel strongly that abortion and contraception are the reproductive rights of every woman, not all women do. What about gun control? If you've ever watched a demonstration when Congress is considering passing gun control legislation, you have seen women on both sides. Women join the NRA and women lobby for waiting periods to buy hand-

guns. Women fought to have affirmative action apply to the glass ceiling in the workplace and women are fighting to remove affirmative action legislation. This campus has seen controversial issues too, housing by G.P.A was one example. Women on this campus came down on both sides. My point is not that any one view point is better than another, only that women do have viewpoints; meaning plural, more than one. I want to see a women's magazine that portrays women as intelligent, thoughtful people who need to see both sides of an issue. I want to see experts such as psychiatrists, doctors, and political analysts offer advice rather than movie and pop stars.

The Observer wishes everyone a safe and happy fall break!



ALD Ceremony Gives Parents Reason to Smile

Parents' Weekend often fills parents with pride. A special part of this Parents' Weekend was the Alpha Lambda Delta (ALD) induction ceremony, where parents could beam over their children who were inducted into the honor society.

The students that were inducted into ALD were sophomores who maintained a 3.5 or higher grade point average during their freshman year. Induction into the honor society entitles students to apply for ALD scholarships and fellowships, attend leadership workshops, and enhance their resume.

"It was an honor [to be inducted], and I figure it will be a good organization to be in for the future," inductee Shannon Cheek said.

Though another inductee, Melissa Genova's, parents were somewhat surprised by her invitation from ALD, she was happy to be inducted into the honor society.

"When my parents first found out I made it, they said, 'Send in your membership fees right away before they realize they made a mistake,'" Genova said. "But they were really proud of me. It was something I worked really hard

for last year, so I was really proud that I made it."

The induction ceremony began with a prayer said by Reverend Dan Torson, C.P.P.S., who was also the pianist for the ceremony, and the national anthem. Afterwards, President Ernest Mills gave a welcome address. Then Faculty Advisor Marge McIlwain and Administrative Advisor David Chatin installed the new ALD members.

"It was a nice ceremony," Cheek said. "It's always nice to get recognized for your school work. It was also exciting that my family was there since I haven't seen them since I left for school."

The sophomores that were inducted into ALD honored faculty members that inspired them during their freshman year. Several of the faculty members picked by the new inductees were already inducted into ALD. A few new "honorary inductees" were added though: Neal Haskel, Maia Kingman, David Kobza, John Larson, Sally Nesselrode, Tom Ryan, Robb Thiel, and Bonnie Zimmer. Sophomore Theresa

Susan Huss
Editor

Yoder was one of those who honored Education professor Tom Ryan.

"I was glad that Dr. Ryan was honored because of everything he'd done for the Education Department," Yoder said. "He's given freshmen a good start towards their elementary education degree. He introduced us to the reality of teaching by making us prepare lesson plans and teach to the class."

Yoder was installed as one of the new officers during the induction process. She is the treasurer. New officers also

include: Eric Hall, president; Luke Hansen, vice president; Carolyn Weber, secretary; and Alexis Virtue, historian.

"It's an honor to represent such an intellectual group on campus," Yoder said.

The entire ceremony lasted less than an hour and ended in a standing ovation for the inductees.

"The ceremony was nice—it was shot, but it got to the point," Genova said. "They organized it really well. Father Dan is really talented. I love his piano playing. It was an appropriate ceremony for the parents to recognize the achievements of their children."

Congratulations All ALD Inductees!

KEEPING IT REAL AT SAINT JOSEPH'S COLLEGE

Who: All Justin Residence Hall Residents
What: Deck the Halls of Justin for Halloween & Little Sibs Weekend
When: Wednesday, October 10 through 19, 2001, every night, 7:00-10:00 p.m.
Where: Throughout Justin Residence Hall
Notes: Social/Hall
By: RA: All Justin RAs

Who: Merlini Hall Residents
What: Sports Social
When: Friday, October 12th
Where: Lounge
Notes: Students go to the final night home game/Pizza/Drinks afterwards
By: RAs: Micah Combs, John Westerfield

Who: Justin First Floor West
What: Bulletin Board
When: Monday, October 15th
Where: Bulletin Board
Notes: Interactive Bulletin Board for Alcohol Awareness Week
By: RAs: Karyn Greig

Who: All Campus Residents
What: Genealogy Workshop
When: Monday, October 24th, 2001, 7 p.m.
Where: Bennett First Floor Lounge
Notes: Social/Campus/Educational
By: RA: Tarvis Lechien

Who: All Bennett and Halas Residents
What: Bowling With Profs
When: Wednesday, October 24, 2001, 10 p.m.-12 a.m.
Where: Strike Zone
Notes: Social/Hall/Educational
By: RA: Travis Lechien/Amanda Callon of Halas

Who: Justin West Third Floor Residents
What: Pumpkin Painting
When: Tuesday, October 30, 2001, 9 p.m.
Where: Justin Second Floor Lounge
Notes: Social
By: RA-Andrea Horst

Who: Second Floor Justin East Residents
What: Birthday Announcements/Candies
When: First Monday of Each Month
Where: Second Floor Justin East Bulletin Board
Notes: Social/Floor
By: RA: Maribel Licea

Who: Justin West First Floor, All Justin Residents
What: Pizza With Professors
When: Wednesday, November 7, 2001, 6 p.m.
Where: Second Floor Justin Lounge
Notes: Dr. Seely (Statistics) will be present to discuss and answer questions
By: RA-Karen Greig

Halas Hall Decorates for Halloween

Residents of the 2nd and 3rd floors of Halas Hall participated in a decorating contest last week. The girls joined together in an effort to make their hallway the most festive. The contest was sponsored by Resident Assistants Betsy Fryksdale and Amanda Callon. Lil' Sibs trick or treaters will surely be spooked this year!



SJC Finds the "Weakest Link"

Nichole Workman
Reporter



Noll Hall contestant Joe Milian competes in "The Weakest Link."

Noll Hall held its own version of the Weakest Link last Tuesday night. With topics like The Simpson's, music, and food, it couldn't have been more appropriate for a group of college students.

Representatives from each residence hall participated, including Joe Milian for Noll, Mike Dougherty for Bennett, Justin Jeffress for Seifert, John Palmisciano for Gallagher, Danielle Ramirez for Halas, Melissa Genova and Danni Pitcher-Starcevic for Justin, and Dottie Collura for the Residential Suites.

Erick Smith, a Resident Assistant in Noll Hall, is to be credited for the idea and the making of the show. "I am trying to promote hall activity in Noll. I was on duty one night, and I came up with the idea of doing a copy of the show," said Smith. "From there, I got the questions off different trivia sites on the Internet."

The game started off ruthlessly with Collura as the first person voted off the panel. By the third round, two people chose to vote the strongest link, Melissa Genova, off, to rid themselves of competition.

"The game is all in fun," Genova commented. "Granted, I was a bit offended, but it was actually a smart move for Joe and Mike to vote me off. They formed an alliance against the other contestants and it worked in their favor. Kudos for being smarter than us before the game!"

Possibly the best part about the show was its audience. "The audience was getting into the show and that was very encouraging," said

Genova. "It also made it a lot more fun."

Not only was it a good audience, but a large one for such a small event. "I was surprised at how many people came," said Amanda Callon, the show's host.

Audience member Stephen Kramer commented that the show was "really funny and definitely entertaining."

All in all, the show was a great success. "There were a lot of laughs. Everyone seemed to enjoy themselves and that's all you can ask for, really," said Smith, "That people show up and have a good time."



Justin Jeffress gets voted off "The Weakest Link" as other contestants look on in Noll Hall.

The Freshman Perspective

Laura Zak talks on Seminar Service Projects

How many people, when they hear the phrase "community service," immediately think of the community service that some are sentenced to for breaking the law? Saint Joseph's College focuses on a different kind of community service, the kind done by giving people to help others.

Let's take a look at our very own freshman seminar groups to get a better idea of what community service can be. I think we can all agree that the time for coming together, lending a hand, and supporting each other has definitely come. What a coincidence that the time for freshman seminar community service projects has also come! With the ever-present sense of anger, sadness, and frustration over recent tragic events, the willingness to unselfishly give has been stronger than ever.

I'm sure everyone recalls seeing the table set up outside the cafeteria collecting donations for the American Red Cross Disaster Relief Fund. A few students from Christine Zerbst's seminar group decided to spend some of their time helping to collect donations as part of their community service. Karen Miller, Megan Landers, Christina Leyva, Maurice Buckner, Sandra Wood, Scott Gardner, and Meerissa Kup joined other volunteers Samantha Ma' Ayteh, Amanda Callon, Mat Blanton, Laura Zak, Melissa Genova, and Shenley Roberts in this wonderful effort. These volunteers were able to raise over \$500 for the victims of the September 11 attack. Channel 18 Lafayette News even made a trip to campus to report on the incredible generosity of the students and faculty here at SJC! Freshman seminar leader Wes Graper said that his group would like to participate in the next local blood drive as part of their project. These are wonderful contributions to the Red Cross Organization and all of those who benefit from it.

Several of the seminar groups are teaming up to help with special projects right here on campus. Jodi Stelt, a member of education professor Tom Ryan's seminar group, said that her group is planning to help wash windows in the new Jasper County Youth Center. She commented, "I think it's a great idea to help out those who already have so much work to do. I don't mind devoting my time at all because I know it's appreciated."

Laura Zak
Reporter

Music professor John Egan and his entire seminar group helped to spruce up the campus grotto last Thursday. They were fascinated by the improvement in appearance just from the short time they spent gathering debris. Freshman advisor John

Groppe, English professor, will accompany his seminar group as they help with some Christmas decorating projects around campus. They will put up lights in the grotto and later assist in decorating the priests' and brothers' dining room for the holiday season. Senior Tina Carroll, freshman leader for Jim Wirtes, and her group will be joining Randy Freebourn's group in undertaking a mailing project for the admissions office. Another approach to this project has been the donation of time and energy to the local Habitat for Humanity, which some students have already done. Great ideas!

Some seminar groups may not have decided on a project yet, so here are some possible ideas. The March of Dimes holds a Walk-A-Thon every year, and it's right around the corner in October. SJC has a team that walks and raises money, so if you're interested in participating contact Dannielle Pruett at dpg3749@saintjoe.edu or Laura Zak at lzh4247@saintjoe.edu. There is also a local animal shelter that always needs volunteers, there are parks that always need to be cleaned, and there is a Youth Center full of children who would love to have someone to hang out with some afternoon. You could also contact the Rensselaer Care Center, public library, or numerous other community organizations that may need some volunteer help. Organize a drive to collect toys and stuffed animals for less fortunate kids near the holidays, or go caroling through town to spread Christmas cheer.

The term "community" is defined as being "any group that lives together in an area, or has interests in common." This could be anything from a small family to an entire nation of people. Let's remember that even the smallest contribution to any cause is just as important as the largest simply because it's another link in the chain that makes our community, whether it be a campus, town, or country, a stronger and happier one. Thanks for the amazing work everybody, and good luck to those projects still in progress!

Columbian Players Present Fall Comedy

This past week-selaer community Player's latest pro-comedy "Lend Me a to be successful, attended.

Bree Ma'Ayteh
Reporter

end, the SJC and Rens-viewed the Columbian duction, Ken Ludwig's Tenor." The play proved cording to those who at-

"[Director] John Rahe chose a great script," junior Wendy Sidener said. "[Tenor] was the best show SJC has done since I've been here."

"I really liked the constant action," sophomore John Klemme added. "The acting was brilliant. [Mark Brouwer] should win an Oscar."

The play takes place in 1934, the play focuses on the Cleveland Grand Opera Company, which is eagerly preparing for its gala season opener. This night is unique for the company, as the performers will share their stage with world-famous tenor; Tito Morelli, *Il Stupendo*. It's Morelli's American debut, and General Manager Max Saunders is convinced the tenor's appearance will put the group on the "operatic map."

Morelli's arrival is first in a series of mishaps that occur throughout the play. He is late and unable to participate in rehearsal, in addition to bringing along his jealous, meddling wife Maria.

Convinced her husband is cheating on her, Maria drugs Morelli with sleeping pills. When Saunders and aspiring singer Max discover the tenor, they assume he is dead. Max is eventually coaxed into performing as Morelli and takes his place on stage around the same time Morelli wakes up from his stupor. From then on, the people in the audience are the only ones who know there are two Morellis running around Cleveland.

Other characters include Saunders' daughter Maggie, star struck and in fascinated with the idea of having a celebrity affair; Julia, the chairwoman of the Opera Guild who has her own crush on Morelli to deal with; Diana, a woman who pulls out all the stops to advance her career; and a wise-cracking bellhop who turns out to be a die-hard Morelli fan himself.

Director John Rahe said he chose the show because of its focus on comedy.

"It is one of the best farce comedies written in the last 10 years," he said. "It doesn't try to mask a message or say anything important. It's just good fun."

Despite its lighthearted theme, the play has nonetheless provided the cast with challenges.

"Tito [Morelli] definitely has an accent that I've never had to do before," Mark Brouwer said. "[But] Tito is actually very similar to some characters I've played in the past. His mannerisms and loud, confident nature are all traits that I've had to portray in the past."

After directing the Carnegie Players' production of "The Pajama Game" this past summer, Maura Giles (Julia) admitted she sometimes had difficulties being on stage instead of behind it.

"I had ideas about what other characters should be doing, and I had to remember that we already have a director and I had my own character to worry about," she said.

The Columbian Players' next production will be *Antigone*, scheduled to run in late January.

Career Center Connections

Kelli Bridges
Reporter

Get connected at Career Fest '01...

Career Fest 2001 is quickly approaching. On Wednesday, November 14, from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., the Halleck Ballroom will be filled with companies and organizations seeking quality candidates for hire. Are you prepared? Each year, students network and make connections with recruiters at Career Fest.

Matt Stout, a senior majoring in accounting, made a connection with Olive LLP, an accounting firm in Indianapolis at Career Fest in January. He initially interviewed for an internship; this September, they offered him a full time job opportunity at the firm's central region headquarters.

While Stout was busy with Olive LLP, senior management major Jessica Barnard connected with Enterprise Rent-A-Car and landed a summer management internship. She's also been offered a full time opportunity upon graduation in May.

Other Career Fest connections were made by Brian Lanoue with Donaldson's right here in Rensselaer. John Greene is currently interning with Paige's Music in Indianapolis and Paula Seth received a career opportunity with Americorp. These and other opportunities were direct connections through Career Fest.

So how about you? Are you prepared to seize Career Fest 2001? Review the following checklist to determine your readiness:

- * Have you got a resume?
 - * Has it been critiqued by the Career Center?
 - * Have you researched the companies that will be attending?
 - * Have you reviewed a list of tips to make a career fair successful for you?
- Stop by the Career Center and pick up your Career Fest success sheet. Call Kelli Bridges or Barb Robertson at 6116 with any questions or e-mail careers@saintjoe.edu.

"The Career Fair does work, and I would encourage anyone unsure of where they might want to work to check it out."
~Senior Matt Stout

Kairos XXXI Rectors Ready to Inspire

She said it's "a four-day retreat for people that want to explore their relationships with themselves, God, and their friends." Hesaid: "It's God's time."

She is junior Amy Buckbee; he refers to junior Justin Walters, and the topic is Kairos, a spiritual retreat for students of all faiths, scheduled to take place

Nov. 1 through 4 in Hammond. Around 30 Saint

Joseph's College students will attend Kairos XXXI in November, with Buckbee and Walters as co-rectors for the retreat. Peer leaders include seniors Mike Eckhardt and Sara Post and juniors Kris Dougherty, Nick Schafer, Sarah Sikkema, Calvin Metts, Sarah Hachey, and Don Shuler. Also leading the retreat are staff members Brother Tim Hemm, C.P.P.S., Director of Student Activities Dottie Collura and her husband Mike, computer science professor Bob Dusek, and Jennifer Reitz of the Career Center.

Susan Huss
Features Editor



Junior Amy Buckbee

"[Members of the Kairos team] are really pulling together as one for one common purpose," Buckbee said. "It is amazing to see them in meetings together when they get excited about one thing."

The Kairos XXXI team is working hard to keep the events of Kairos secret. However, its rectors did say there is much to be gained from attending.

"There is a definite spiritual aspect to Kairos, which is our primary goal," Walters said. "In addition, though, are resulting friendships with fellow retreatants, leaders, and alumni."

"I think that they will gain new friends from this and a newfound energy," Buckbee added.

Both rectors have already attended Kairos twice. They were retreatants at Kairos XXVIII and peer leaders at Kairos XXIX. Buckbee said attending Kairos kept her from transferring from SJC.

"It is a very enlightening experience for people who need some reflective time and time with people that they might not get to know otherwise," Buckbee said. "I decided to stay obviously, and I love

the friends that I made on Kairos. Come with an open mind and you will have a blast."

Walters also made friends at Kairos; but the retreat also got him more involved on campus.

"Kairos for me was the beginning of an incredible experience called Campus Life," he said. "I enjoyed every part of Kairos, including that which permeates to the future, the effects of the retreat. Many strong relationships were formed, not to mention the help it had in forming my future relationships."

With less than a month until the retreat, Buckbee is looking forward to seeing all the Kairos team's hard work pay off.

"I am looking forward to seeing how the team works with the retreatants and seeing how the weekend unfolds...I feel that it is going to be an amazing Kairos," she said.

Walters is optimistic for another great Kairos. He offered some advice to the Kairos XXXI retreatants.

"There are many, many great accounts of people enjoying the retreat," he said. Trust that statistic and go into it with an open mind."



Junior Justin Walters

Batter Up!!! SJC Baseball Team Sponsors Camp

Alison Cole
Reporter

Last Sunday, October 7, the Saint Joseph's College Baseball team, Head Coach Rick O' Dette and others sponsored a one day baseball camp for both children and high school students.

"The purpose of the camp is to teach the proper techniques of baseball to kids and young adults," says coach O' Dette. Some of the skills taught to the children include throwing, hitting, fielding, and pitching. In addition to these skills, high school students focus on defense, offense, base running and bunting.

Although coach O' Dette runs the camp, there are others who participate in instructing the campers. The SJC baseball coaches share their professional experience with the campers. In addition to the baseball staff many members of the base ball team, like Bob Bosserdet and Jim O' Dette. Not to mention that the coaches are always bringing in special guests to help out. The camp prides itself on the fact that its camper to instructor ratio is 3:1.

The day starts out with a welcome from Coach O' Dette, and an explanation of what it is like to be a college baseball player. Then, everyone stretches and does a little running to warm up, and from there the campers go into instruction. The campers rotate from station to station, each which focuses on a differ-

ent fundamental skill. Depending on the camp, the participants may scrimmage, and after all of that, the players cool down and the campers receive drills to take home with them in order to keep improving their game.

The baseball players really enjoy teaching the kids. Jim O'Dette, a senior, says, "It is just fun to see what talent is out there, and to see what talent might be coming to SJC." Bob Bosserdet, a junior, says, "I like working with the little kids, they always bring out the fun in baseball." Jim works with the kids on pitching skills, such as, how to hold the ball more effectively and how to pitch better. Bob focuses on catching and teaches such things as framing and the proper foot work, and even what to think about when you are catching a baseball.

In terms of benefits for the campers, Coach O' Dette says, "The younger kids' motor and fundamental skills improve a great deal. For the high school level, they get to see the level that our players play at, and the critical skills that colleges look for." In fact, 45% of SJC baseball recruits have participated in one of the camps.

Right now, the camp is trying to get the Rensselaer community involved. They encourage community members to come out and watch the campers play. The major goal of the camp both now and in the future is to get the community more involved. Coach O' Dette says that, "We are always looking for support from the community around us."

Women's Varsity Volleyball: Striving for Success

Bridget Newman
Reporter

The Varsity Women's Volleyball team is pumped up and ready for action. The Lady Pumas are working hard to make this season a success. Senior and co-captain Katie Conlon commented she is looking forward to the team coming together. "We can be really good," she said.

As of September 26, the Varsity squad was 5-8 in regular season games and 1-4 in conference. After the same number of matches in the 2000 season, the pride was 7-6 in season and, in conference, 0-3. Coach Greg Reitz commented, "We want to be doing better. We need to be doing better. We should be doing better."

Reitz added that the Pumas have a lot of potential. Reitz mentioned senior Julie Ryan as a consistent player throughout the year. He also highlighted Jill Mourey, recently named All-Conference Player of the Week. He also acknowledged the co-captain, junior Jill Ryan, who made the All-Tournament team. Reitz noted, "They are progressively working out the tweeks in their game."

Reitz has had considerable experience recognizing where changes need to be made in the game. He has worked as a coach at the collegiate, high school, and club levels. In addition, Reitz worked as an Exercise Specialist and Physical Therapy Aide. This kind of background has allowed Reitz to "better identify technique flaws and

improve training in the off season."

This is Reitz's second year as SJC Volleyball Head Coach. Conlon believes last year served as a transition year since it was Reitz's first year with the Pumas. Now, however, Conlon said, "There are no questions. We know what he's looking for."

Freshman Jill Mourey said upperclassmen like Conlon have helped make the freshmen's transition between high school and college an easier one.

She said, "They are really nice. They invited us over to their dorms anytime, they gave us their extensions, they're understanding and they explain things to us," she said.

Mourey knows this closeness is essential to the team both on and off the court, saying, "It's like a job because there's so much commitment, but it also means so much more."

Conlon added that the freshmen "are awesome. They are hard

workers, extremely talented, fresh, fun, and they have good attitudes."

The Varsity team is optimistic about future games, which continue through all of October and into early November. Their commitment does not end there, though, as training continues year-round. Coach Reitz concludes, "We want to make this program a success. We are going to adorn this gym with banners."

SJC Men's Golf Finishes Fifth at GLVC Meet

Luke Hansen
Reporter

Apparently, the Puma men's golf team has moved beyond the rebuilding process. This past week, the golf team once again proved to be a competitive force in the Great Lakes region, shooting a three-round score of 917 and finishing in fifth place at the GLVC Championships. Earlier this fall, the golf team finished fifth at the Ferris State Invitational and won their own invitational with a remarkable score of 298.

"The entire region realizes that this is a very different team than in years past," said sophomore Ryan Messner (Oxford, IN/Benton Central) "We're not rebuilding anymore...we're no longer the doormats of the GLVC. Due to our performances, we've gained some respect, and now we'll be expected to contend at every tournament."

Messner carded a phenomenal two-under par 70 in the second round of the conference tournament, which was

held at the Kampen Course of Purdue University. Only two players carded lower scores than Messner's 70 in the entire tournament.

In fact, the entire SJC team came alive in the second round. Travis French (Fr., Crawfordsville, IN/Southmont) fired a season-low 73, Mike Cronkhite (Jr., Williamsport, IN/Seeger) shot 77, while Eric Peschke (Fr., Crown Point, IN) and Scott Van Loon (So., Chesterton, IN) both had 78. The Puma's second round team score of 298 was lower than both eventual GLVC Team Champions, Indianapolis and Northern Kentucky.

"Everybody contributed equally to this success," Messner added. "But we were disappointed that a few mistakes kept us from being in a position to win

this tournament. We have high expectations for a young squad. We were picked to finish ninth but hoped to finish in the top three. These expectations won't change."

Messner hopes to earn All-GLVC honors with his three-round score of 223 and sixth place tie, while Peschke continued an incredible freshman campaign by finishing in an eleventh place tie, shooting a 227. Cronkhite (235-28th), French (236-t29th), and Van Loon (237-t31st) rounded out the Puma's team effort.

In late September, the Pumas competed in the NCAA District IV Fall Tournament at Blackberry Patch G.C. in Coldwater, Michigan. The team finished in 11th place out of 22 teams with a two-round score of 637. Messner fired a 151, good enough for an eighth place tie. At the Ferris State Invitational, where SJC finished in 5th place out of 11 teams, Peschke's score of 150 earned him an eighth place finish.

SJC Sports in Short... Looking at the year with a Bang, Kick, Wham, Crack, and A-Par!

Information Provided by
Joe Danahy

Football: SJC had their first win on Oct. 6 against the Kentucky Wesleyan Panthers at Home during Parents Weekend. The score was 29-7. They also hosted Kid to the Game Day, where kids got in free and recieved identification kits.

Women's Tennis: They lost 6-3 to Marian. In the singles, Mandy Lundeen and Loretta Clevenger won. Tiffany Sijera and Melissa Bachini won on a double's team, and participated in Rolex where Bachini lost 6-1, Sadjera 6-0.

Men's Tennis: They lost 8-0 in their second game of the season. Their record is now 0-2.

Women's Cross Country: Our runners placed first place out of 30 teams at the Eagle Invite. They had

fifty-one points. They also ranked tenth in Week #4 NCAA Division II Cross Country Great Lakes Region Poll for the fourth solid week. **Men's Golf:** They finished fifth place with a final three round score of 917 at the 2001 Great Lakes Valley Conference Championships. Ryan Messner led the team.

Men's Cross Country: They placed third out of 29 teams at the same invite. They had 116 points.

Volleyball: SJC won both games

over the weekend. The score in three games for Friday was 30-19, 30-27, 30-26.

Men's Soccer: Pumas lost 3-1 last Friday in Indianapolis. The goal was score by Greg Peters.

Women's Soccer: The Lady Pumas lost 3-2 on Friday in Indianapolis. The goals were scored by Holly Copeland and Jamie Marshall. Sunday, they defeated Saginaw Valley State, 1-0. Carrie Monforton scored the goal.

Puma Profile: Matthew Norton

Melissa Genova
Sports Editor

The Men's Soccer team has a reputation of dedication to their sport. One of the faces contributing to their success is the new Assistant Men's Soccer Coach Matthew Norton. While familiar to SJC sports and academics, Norton is not a coaching veteran. It is his first year working the sidelines for soccer, but he is going about it with the knowledge and history that is valuable to the team.

Norton graduated from SJC last year with no plans to return to the college so soon after graduating. But when he was asked by Coach Rob Burns as a soccer coach instead of a student, he accepted. "The opportunity was right," he said.

Last year, Norton turned in an application to Rensselaer High School for soccer coach upon finding out they were starting a team, but had not received a call. Eventually, he did get the job and this year he is busy coaching both Puma soccer and R.H.S.'s Women's soccer team. "College guys and high school girls are very different to coach," laughed Norton. "It has been an eye-opening experience and shows the impact a coach can have on his players."

Norton lends out his coaching skills whenever needed. He has contributed his time and effort to help the Puma women's soccer team as both a referee and attendee at games and practices. "I do whatever I can. Rob, Scott and I work together. Whoever can fill a spot will. It is pretty even work through the coach staff," said Norton. He also speaks to prospective soccer students during the recruiting process if they have any questions, and he replies to their letters.

It is Norton's first year as a coach, but his former athletic career at SJC has given him insight. He played soccer and baseball for all four years of college, although he was originally recruited for baseball. However, financially it was unfulfilling. "I became a walk-on for soccer my freshman year, and I built up from there. I had some starting games as a freshman, and I found myself with a role on the soccer team," he said.

During the four years Norton played soccer, he was under the wing of three different coaches, which provided a view of various coaching approaches.

He has not found difficulty in coaching his friends and former teammates. "You have to respect them with the same respect you want from them," he said. In fact, his relationship with the current players is beneficial to the team. "I hope that the returnees know how much I put in as a player ... that they would have no problem taking advice from me as a coach. There have been no conflicts as of yet," he said, but adds "guys will just be guys sometimes."

Norton hopes that he can use his experience to benefit his players, especially the inexperienced ones, by "keeping enthusiastic and heart."

The high point of the season to Norton was when he acted as head coach for the

first time. On Sep. 3, the team played against USI. "Rob had been ejected at the last game, so I had to step in. It was a home game, and we ended up winning. I had parents congratulate me after game. It felt really good," said Norton. "It was not just my victory, it was the players, too. But as a coach it was the height of the season, and I got to control the flow of the game and the substitutions."

Not only is Norton coaching out of his love of the game, but also he hopes to see SJC's athletic program grow. "I

have been a player, and played my whole life. I am really into sports. It is not the fact of being able to play in the game, but to have something to give to the players. Being fresh out of the sport, I feel I have a lot to offer," said Norton.

He also feels compelled to help out his former alma mater. "I played for four years. They have built up the program since I started, and I would like to see the progress continue," he said, "I have a chance as a coach to keep this program climbing."

The Inside Corner

Erik Steffen
Columnist

Why don't people like Barry Bonds? ESPN's Sports Center recently showed, that statistically speaking, he is the greatest hitter to ever play the game. That is a bold statement to make when you consider that they are saying that he's a better hitter than Babe Ruth, Hank Aaron, Willie Mays, Mickey Mantle, Ted Williams and yes even Mark McGwire and Sammy Sosa.

Maybe it's because he's not a media darling like McGwire was in '98. Bonds never took Crash Davis' (Kevin Costner) advice to his pitcher "Meat" to not boast to the media - to act humble and say "I just go out there every day and do my best, and, good Lord provided, I get a win." Bonds' infamous quotes to the media include gems such as "I'm not arrogant, I'm good."

And that's why I feel people don't like Barry Bonds. They ignore the fact that he takes care of his family, that he's been one of the most loyal players in the game during his career (with only two teams: the team that drafted him, the Pittsburgh Pirates, and the team he left them for, the San Francisco Giants, where his father is the coach, located near where he grew up.)

Consider this: 1995 is the only year in the last ten when Bonds hasn't won a Golden Glove award - the award given to the best fielder in that position. Since the award started in 1956, his only company atop the list (counting only outfielders) are Dale Murphy, Ken Griffey, Jr., Roberto Clemente, and Willy Mays. That's awfully good company.

Bonds, who at the beginning of the season was looking to hit 500 home runs, is now approaching 600 as the season ends. Bonds is going to be the only man in history to have over 500 home runs and 500 stolen bases - and that number could turn into 600/600. These numbers don't mean much when they are not compared to other greats. Mark McGwire, the game's former active Home Run king, has only 12 career stolen bases. Sammy Sosa has only 231. Ken Griffey, Jr., considered one of the most athletic men in the game, has only 175 home runs.

Willy Mays had his basket-catch, Bonds has the wipe-away. His swing is as recognizable as Pete-Roses crouch,

Ken Griffey, Jr.'s rocking elbows and Jeff Bagwell's backwards step. And he's always been good: he was an All-American in high school, an all-time, all team College World Series player, and was all Pac-10 all 3 years he was in college.

And all these accolades, which are only a small representation of how good this man actually is, are without mentioning how amazing hitting 72 (as of Sunday) home runs in one season is. He did it without steroids, without getting so large he can't fit through a door, while still being an athletic outfielder (as opposed to being a immobile first-basemen like McGwire). He did it despite breaking the single season walks record set by none other than Babe Ruth. That means that he was pitched around more than anyone in history, and despite the lack of at-bats, still hit 72 home runs. His slugging percentage (a stat which measures power per at-bat) this season is over .850, the highest in the history of the game. Higher than any great baseball player you can think of - even Japan's Oh.

With over 10 walks and only taking 12 swings in Houston, against Major League pitching, he still hit number 70, then proceeded to hit 71 and 72 in consecutive at-bats. He earned these home runs - and should get a lot more respect. It's time that people sit back and realize how good this man is, if not the best positional player (all players not including pitchers) of all time, he's defiantly one of the top 5. He's going to be at least third on the all time home run list (barring injury), ahead of everyone except Ruth and Aaron, who's records are now seeming obtainable, thanks to Barry Bonds.

When measuring a great baseball player, longevity is a key stat. Sure a player can have a good year, but can he have 20 great years? Very few, Ruth, Gherrig, Mays, Mantle, Kaline, Aaron and now Bonds, have had such great, long careers - and Bonds has at least 5 years left as one of the greatest players of all time. I used to ask my dad if he watched guys like Al Kaline and Roberto Clemente on T.V. or listened to them on radio. My kids are going to be asking me about the great Barry Bonds, who was the greatest player during the greatest season of Major League Baseball, ever.

Upcoming Sport Events

...a look at what is happening

Oct. 13

* Women's Soccer - Wisconsin Parkside HOME 5pm

* Men's Soccer - Wisconsin Parkside HOME 7:30 pm

Oct. 13

* Football - Quincy University AWAY 1 pm

Oct. 14

* Women's Soccer - Lewis University HOME noon

* Men's Soccer - Lewis University HOME 2:30 pm

* Men's Golf - (Oct. 14-15) Depauw University AWAY 11 am

Oct. 17

* Volleyball - St. Xavier University AWAY 7 pm

Oct. 19

* Women's Soccer - SIU Edwardsville AWAY 5:30 pm

* Men's Soccer - SIU Edwardsville AWAY 7:30 pm

* Women's Tennis - Illinois-Springfield HOME 3 pm

* Volleyball - University of Southern Illinois Edwardsville AWAY 7 pm

Oct. 20

* Football - Valparaiso University AWAY noon

* Women's Tennis - Wayne State (Chicago) AWAY 9 am

* Women's Tennis - Chicago State AWAY 3 pm

* Volleyball - University of Southern Indiana AWAY 2 pm

* Men's Cross Country - GLVC Championship (Louisville, KY) AWAY 10 am

* Women's Cross Country - GLVC Championship (Louisville, KY) AWAY 11 am

Oct. 21

* Women's Soccer - Quincy University AWAY noon

* Men's Soccer - Quincy University AWAY 2:30 pm

* Women's Tennis - Findlay University AWAY (at Chicago State) 10 am

Oct. 23

* Volleyball - Hillsdale College AWAY 7 pm

Oct. 24

* Women's Soccer - Hillsdale College AWAY 2:30 pm

Round the Clock

Shirley stood there with
coffee in her hand,
staring at the tired old man
in red plaid.
"You're really cute, doll, can
you sing me a song?"
He looked at her longingly,
thinking nothing was wrong.
Shirley turned away. "Can I
take your order please?"
She was tired of these men –
they were like a disease.
Her short skirt brought in
plenty of their stares;
The looks made her sick and
brought on despair.
"It's for the money," she
thought time and again.
And at her next table was
another drunk man.
It was three A.M., she was
tired as hell.
She explained to him it's just
food that they sell.
"Anything else I can get for
you sir?"
"Your number, cutie, maybe a
little more?"
"Sorry," she responded, and
went on to say.
"You're late. That special
was yesterday."

Melissa Genova

SJC Poet's Corner

FYI

I just thought you should know
that you are the reason
I cannot sleep,
because my mind is overrun
with thoughts of you
and how I yearn
to see your smile,
make your eyes light up,
catch your secret glance,
and drift off to sleep in the safety
of your arms,
but your heart
which I so deeply covet
belongs to another,
so here I wait,
awake,
alone.

Christine Carroll

*If you would like
to have your po-
ems published in
The Observer
please submit
them to Nick
Schafer,
nsf3156@saintjoe.edu*

FEELINGS

SOMETIMES I FEEL SO HELPLESS
JUST BECAUSE I WANT TO HOLD YOU IN MY
ARMS
AND ALL I CAN DO IS THINK OF YOU
AND PRAY THAT YOU FEEL THE SAME
THIS TIME IS LIKE NEVER BEFORE
NO MORE WORRIES ABOUT A LIFE OF LONELINESS
ONLY YOU AND ME
IS THIS HOW IT IS SUPPOSED TO BE?
I USED TO WONDER WHAT IT WAS GOING TO
FEEL LIKE
TO BE IN LOVE
BUT I DO NOT HAVE TO WONDER ANY LONGER
THE ANSWER COMES IN MY HAPPINESS
AND THE BEST PART ABOUT US IS
I AM REGAINING THE STRENGTH IN MY FAITH
IT HAS BEEN A LONG TIME SINCE I HAVE FELT
THIS WAY
BUT IT FEELS RIGHT AND IT FEELS GOOD
IT COULD BE A COINCIDENCE
BUT I AM UNSURE OF THAT
SOMETHING LIKE THIS ONLY HAPPENS ONCE IN
A LIFETIME
OR SO I BELIEVE
SO AS I EXPRESS MY FEELINGS
I PROMISE TO ALWAYS TRY AND MAKE YOU
HAPPY
BECAUSE IT MAKES ME HAPPY
TO LOVE YOU
AND TO BE WITH YOU

ANONYMOUS

Escape

The flawless sinner
Documented many miracles
Including twenty discoveries
Making a menace to kind
society

Sculpting a patient teacher
Including marble glass
The case of interceptions
Clouded the unholy visions

Scepters of intimate evil
Ringing out misery
Policy running thin
Imploding the careless
thoughts
The manipulative archangel
Deviantly pondered
Mischievous schemes of harm

Concluding concubines trans-
mit
The anarchy of ministry
Decaying filth of happiness
Wretched glimpse of hope
Crumbled to a distant
Beating heart.

Timothy Hayes

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Words of
Wisdom

Power tends to corrupt and
absolute power corrupts
absolutely.
~Lord Acton

You grow up the day you
have the first real laugh—at
yourself.
~Ethel Barrymore

Don't take life too seriously.
You will never get out alive.
~Elbert Hubbard

What is honored in a country
will be cultivated there.
~Plato

Those who cannot remember
the past are condemned to
repeat it.
~George Santayana

Peace is not only better than
war, but infinitely more ardu-
ous.
~George Bernard Shaw

There never was a time when,
in my opinion, some way
could not be found to prevent
the drawing of the sword.
~Ulysses S. Grant

This country [America] will
not be a good place for any of
us to live in unless it is a
good place for all of us to live
in.
~Theodore Roosevelt

Women in Music:
Bjork Releases Another Hit

Bjork is one of those innova-
tive artists who has made a name
for herself as a musical revolu-
tionary. Unfortunately most of her
attention is a result of her outland-
ish fashion (think "swan"). Cred-
its to her name include the 80's
band the Sugarcubes, and an over-
whelmingly successful solo career
with albums such as "Debut,"
"Post," "Telegram,"
"Homogenic," and "Selma
Songs," the soundtrack album to
Dancer in the Dark. She earned
an Oscar Nomination for Best
Song, and a Cannes Best Actress
award for her starring roles in the
film.

With the many hats Bjork has
worn throughout her career, crit-
ics and fans wondered if the mu-
sical chameleon could continue to
awe them with her most recent al-
bum "Vespertine."

The answer is yes.

"Vespertine," which includes a
swan theme in the layout, opens
with the haunting song "Hidden
Place." This particular song re-
sembles some earlier Bjork, and
it is mostly electronic effects
mixed with background descants
and harmonizing. Throughout the

album, rhythmic structures and loops
provide the basis for most of the
songs. Her arrangements of both in-
struments and vocals make every
song worth listening to.

The second song on the album,
"Cocoon," resembles the sound of
new Radiohead. Though the music
itself does not go through any major
or conventional changes, it is far
from sounding repetitive. Like most
of Bjork's music, her voice and lyr-
ics are what make the song fulfill-
ing. Her music compositions are
still unique, calming, and very beau-
tiful on their own.

Her music is hard to describe
from a critical standpoint, as she
mixes so many different musical
styles. But some of the album songs
that stand out as most unique are "Pa-
gan Poetry," "Aurora," and "Frosti"
a bell choir mimicking a music box.
The music box theme plays again in
"Aurora," and the arrangement in-
cludes a harp - something not con-
ventionally played in popular music.

Orchestration has also been
something Bjork has experimented
with on her previous albums.
Strings arrangements have been
also characteristic. The songs "An
Echo, A Stain" and "Sun in my
Mouth" and especially "Harm of
Will" exhibit an excellent example
of her use of classical ideas in elec-
tronic music.

"Vespertine" is perfect for
nearly any calm or serence. For
when the mood changes, the song
"Heirloom" brings a quicker
rhythm and more energetic feel
without sounding out of place with
the rest of the CD. However, it is
not so overwhelming that it sounds
out of place on the album.

The album is appealing both to
long-time Bjork fans, and to those
interested in classical music, semi-
obscure bands such as Mogwai,
Radiohead (she has a collaboration
with Thom Yorke on "Selma
Songs"), Moorcheeba, or singer PJ
Harvey.

Bjorks voice is a unique asset
in the music world, and her talent
and vision has not diminished in
time; rather it has grown a thousand
times and continues to interest the
music world.

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